GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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PARITY IN LIST OF BACKWARD CLASSES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is parity in the States and Central Lists of Other Backward Classes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any move to bring about parity; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI D. NAPOLEON)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) & (d) : Under Section 9(1) of the National Commission for Backward Classes Act 1993, the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) is empowered to "examine requests for inclusion of any class of citizens as a backward class in the lists and hear complaints of over-inclusion or under-inclusion of any backward class in such lists and tender such advice to the Central Government as it deems appropriate".

Under Section 9(2) of the NCBC Act, "the advice of the Commission shall ordinarily be binding upon the Central Government". Accordingly, inclusion of castes/ communities is notified from time to time by the Central Government in the Central List of OBCs. State Governments are competent to notify their own lists of Other Backward Classes.